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JURY 8/24/71

4TH ADD JURY 212 XXX PERSONS.

EPSTEIN ALSO ASSERTED THAT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE HAVE EXHIBITED "INDIFFERENCE" IN TRAINING NEW EXHIBIT CUSTODIANS IN SO FAR AS SPECIFICALLY ADVISING THEM OF THE CONTENT AND IMPORTANCE OF JUDGE WALKER'S ORDER.

THE FOREMAN SAID ALTHOUGH THE RECENT GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION INTO THE SIRHAN MATTERS WAS CONFINED TO THE CRIMINAL DIVISION OF SHARP'S OFFICE, "THE PERFORMANCE OF UPPER MANAGEMENT DICTATES THAT ATTENTION SHOULD BE TURNED TO OTHER DIVISIONS OF THAT OFFICE."

THE LETTER CONCLUDED WITH THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

"THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY GRAND JURY FINDS THE EXISTENCE OF PROBABLE MISFEASANCE AND NON-FEASANCE WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF A LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE.

"IT IS THE FEELING OF THIS GRAND JURY THAT SUCH MANAGEMENT, IF ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, CAN ONLY WEAKEN THE INTEGRITY AND STRUCTURE OF (THE) COUNTY IN GENERAL AND DECREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER COUNTY AGENCIES WHO RELY ON THE SERVICES OF THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE."

THE JURY SPENT FIVE DAYS INVESTIGATING THE SIRHAN EXHIBITS CASE AND HEARD 35 WITNESSES TESTIFY. BOTH SHARP AND TALMACHOFF WERE AMONG THOSE WHO TESTIFIED.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DID NOT ASK THE JURY TO RETURN ANY INDICTMENTS IN THE CASE.

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